

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
Executive Officer's Report

Agenda Item: 5.0
Date: February 2, 2011

5.1 Board Member – Nancy Beecham

Nancy Beecham was appointed to the Board on December 28, 2006 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and served as the Nurse Administrator member of the board. The members of the Board and staff extend a sincere thank you to her for the work that she did to protect the healthcare of consumers in California.

5.2 Board's Budget Update

2011/2012 BRN Budget and Reserve

Governor's budget for FY 2011/2012 is \$29.2 million with 136.1 net personnel years (PYs) after salary savings. The Board's fund condition shows a reserve for current year 2010/2011 of 6.6 months. However, the Board did not begin collecting the new approved fees on January 1, 2011 as originally projected. Therefore, total revenue for 2010/2011 may be lower than the \$25.5 that is shown on the Governor's budget.

Current Year AG Budget

Pursuant to the Budget Bill Language in item 110-402, and based on the FY 2010-11 expenditure projections (thru Dec. 2010), the Board is requesting a total augmentation of \$2.6 million, i.e., \$2.3 million for the Attorney General line and \$288,000 for the Office of Administrative Hearings line. Assuming that its enforcement costs do not exceed currently projected, this augmentation request would also allow for a minimal 1% reversion.

5.3 Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Updates

DCA Appointments – Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Deputy Director for Board/Bureau Relations has been asked to also serve as Acting Chief Deputy Director. Kim's extensive program experience, strong leadership, and superior work ethic has been critical to the department's overall success. Kim will serve as the Acting Chief Deputy Director until the Governor appoints a successor behind Bill Young who recently retired.

LaVonne Powell, Senior Staff Counsel has been asked to join the executive Office and serve as Senior Advisor to the Director. For many years, LaVonne distinguished herself in the legal office and the department having served as staff counsel for most of our boards, bureaus, and programs.

Executive Order B-1-11 - Governor Brown issued executive order B-1-11 that directs a 50% statewide reduction of cell phones. DCA directed all Boards, Bureaus, Divisions and other DCA entities to review their cell phone assignments and identify a plan to reduce the number of units in service by 50% to achieve the Governor's goal. The DCA required all Boards, Bureaus and Divisions to submit their plans by January 18, 2011, with return of all cell phones identified by February 1, 2011. The BRN has submitted our plan and has identified the required reduction. Those phones have been collected and will be returned to DCA on February 1, 2011 as requested.

BRN Office Relocation Update

DCA Facilities Management Unit continues to work with board staff to finalize the ordering of modular furniture for the newly acquired office space for the Board. Staff is also working with the Office of Information Services and DCA Purchasing units to ensure all equipment needs will be met at the new location. It is anticipated that the move will take place mid 2011.

Board Member Orientation - In accordance with Business and Professions Code Section 453, Board Members are required to attend DCA's Board Member Orientation within one year of their appointment. The next Board Member Orientation is set for Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at DCA Headquarters in Sacramento from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Please notify the Administration Unit if you would like to attend.

5.4 Hiring Freeze

The Governor's Office has directed all state agencies to continue to cease all new hires that include filling vacancies, promotions, hiring temporary help, and board appointments. At this time the board has 47 vacancies, 36 CPEI positions and 11 non-CEPI positions. The Board continues to advertise positions in light of the freeze and is trying to fill positions using the allowed departmental transfer method.

5.5 Sunset Report Update

The final 2010 Sunset Review Report: Addendum was completed and distributed to the appropriate legislative offices, Board members and staff on January 7, 2011. The report was also added to the BRN website on January 12, 2011. The report is an addendum to the 2010 Sunset Report which was submitted on October 1, 2010 and focuses on workload and staffing resources in seven critical program areas at the BRN.

The hearing date for the BRN Sunset review is scheduled for March 14, 2011.

5.6 Enforcement Regulation

At its May 2010 meeting, the Board voted to promulgate enforcement related regulations. The regulatory packet, including the notice, initial statement of reasons, and proposed language, was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and the notice was published in the January 14, 2011, California Regulatory Notice Register. The documents are available on the BRN website, www.rn.ca.gov and a public hearing is scheduled for March 3, 2011, at 10:00 am in Sacramento. The Board has one year from the publication date of the notice to submit the final rulemaking file to OAL.

5.7 APRN Survey Update

The BRN is working with Joanne Spetz and other research staff from the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), Center for the Health Professions to complete a survey of California Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse-Midwives and Clinical Nurse Specialists. The purpose of the survey is to learn information about demographics, education, employment and practice from these advanced practice nurses in California. There has not been much data collected from these advanced practice registered nurses nationally or in other states so there is interest nationally in the collected data. The survey was sent to 2,250 California Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and Certified Nurse Mid-wives (CNMs) and 750 Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs) in October 2010 and data was collected until mid-January 2011. There was an excellent response rate, approximately 60% from NPs and CNMs and approximately 70% from CNSs. Data from the surveys will be analyzed and a report completed by UCSF. Findings will be discussed at the June 2011 Board meeting.

5.8 Public Record Request

The Board continues to comply with public record requests and responds within the required timeframes that are set in Government Code Section 6250. For the period of November 9, 2010 through January 21, 2011, the Board has received and processed 77 public record requests.

In January DCA received a public records request (PRA) from KCRA-TV Channel 3, Sacramento which asked for records pertaining to any and all promotional items, giveaways and / or trinkets purchased by DCA or its Boards or Bureaus from calendar years 2007-10 or Fiscal Years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10. The BRN did not purchase any type of promotional items during these years. The DCA anticipates there will be a news story related to this PRA request.

5.9 Board Member Correspondence

For the period of November 6, 2010 through January 21, 2011, the Board did not receive any Board Member correspondence.

5.10 Personnel

The following personnel changes have transpired since the last Board Meeting:

New Hires	Classification	Board Program
Stephanie Morrison	Program Technician II	Call Center
Yadira Quintana	Office Technician	Enforcement
Lisa Hall	Staff Services Analyst	Enforcement

Transfer	Classification	Board Program
Laura Brann	Staff Services Analyst	Administration

Separations	Classification	Board Program
Dawn Kammerer	Administrative Asstant	Administration
Shannan Borton	AGPA	Enforcement
Elizabeth Ha	Office Technician	Cashiering

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Liaison Activities

November 30, 2010	Janette Wackerly and Katie Daugherty attended the RAC IOM meeting at UC Davis. Both Shelley Ward and Miyo Minato attended by telephone conference.
December 14-15, 2010	Katie Daugherty attended the NCSBN Nursing Education Committee in Chicago.
January 12-13, 2011	Louise Bailey, Kathrine Ware and Janette Wackerly attended the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Summit in San Diego sponsored by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.
January 18-19, 2011	Katie Daugherty attended the NCSBN Nursing Education Committee in Chicago.
January 21, 2011	Miyo Minato attended the ACNL Regional South meeting at San Gabriel Medical Center.
January 24, 2011	Louise Bailey met with the California Association of Nurse Anesthetist Board members and gave an update of the activities of the BRN.
January 25, 2011	Miyo Minato attended a presentation by Patricia Benner on “Educating Nurses: A Call for Radial Transformation” at UC Irvine.
January 26, 2011	Kelly McHan attended and participated in a “Presentation on Advanced Practice Nurses” provided by SOLID at DCA, Sacramento.